THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : (a) and (b) The Fourth Pay Commission at present has two members, *viz.* Prof. M. V. Mathur and Shri A. K. Majumdar.

The Commission has been requested to submit its report on retirement benefits without waiting for appointment of a Chairman.

Release of Indian nationals detained in Bangladesh

2766. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently requested the Bangladesh Government to release all the Indian nationals detained in Bangladesh jails, if so, with what results; and

(b) what were the offences for which they have been detained and the period of their detention ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) The Indian High Commission in Dhaka promptly takes up with the Government of Bangladesh all cases of Indian nationals under detention and seeks consular access with a view to obtaining their release, as soon as such cases come to light. The number of persons released in this way in recent years is given below :

Year	*No . of persons released*
1983	5
1984	13
1985	8
1986	130

(b) According to information available, the following Indian nationals are still under custody in Bangladesh :—

Year	No. of Indian Prisoners	Alleged offence
1983	5	1 for forged currency notes. Under trial. 1 for overstaying (applied for local citizenship). 2 for travel without valid document. 1 for property dispute.
1984	1	
1985	2	1 for carrying explosives. 1 for illegal entry.
1986	23	—Dacoity Cases.

Non-availability of D.E.E.C. books

2767. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Joint Commissioner, Imports and Exports, Bombay (JCCI, Bombay) is not in a position to issue D.E.E.C. books required by exporters for special imprest licence to clear imported raw materials without payment of customs duty; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Non-recognition of a branch of INTUC in Mawmluh Cement Company Cherrapunjee

2768. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a branch of the INTUC is not recognised by the management of the Mawmluh Cherra Cement Company Limited at Cherrapunjee in spite of the fact that it has most of the workers as its members;

(b) whether Government have received representations from the above branch of the INTUC of the said MCCL regarding the indifferent attitude of the company towards their rightful claims; and